

I. INTRODUCTION

A thoroughfare plan for the Mebane area was cooperatively developed by the Community Planning Division, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, and the Planning and Research Department, North Carolina State Highway Commission in 1966. This plan with some minor changes was formally approved by the Mebane Board of Commissioners on May 27, 1970 and the Highway Commission on June 25, 1970.

As a result of continuing traffic problems, the Town requested an overall review of the plan in 1976. This report documents the reanalysis and recommended revised plan resulting from the review.

The recommended plan included herein was developed following the basic thoroughfare planning principles as described in Chapter II. It is based on an analysis of existing circulation problems, existing land use and street facilities, and anticipated future economic and population growth. The plan sets forth those improvements which are expected to be required for proper traffic circulation within the current planning period (1977-2000).

It is recommended that the revised plan be approved by the Mebane Board of Commissioners and the Board of Transportation. North Carolina General Statutes Section 136-66.2 provides that a thoroughfare plan remains in effect until changes are mutually approved by the North Carolina Board of Transportation and the municipal governing board. Hence, the 1970 Mebane Thoroughfare Plan remains in effect until it is mutually revised by the Town and Board of Transportation.

Upon mutual approval, the revised plan will serve as a mutual official guide for the future development of the street system in the urban area.